Additional Customs Information for Turks and Caicos Islands

When entering and exiting the Turks and Caicos Islands <u>all persons</u> are subject to further questioning and their personal belongings, and conveyance are subject to search.

All passengers arriving in the Turks & Caicos Islands who are 17 years of age or older are allowed to bring with them, free of import duty the following:

1. One liter of spirits OR two liters of wine (less than 25% by Volume)

EITHER:	200 cigarettes
OR	100 cigarillos
OR	50 cigars
OR	250 grams of smoking tobacco
OR	50 grams of perfume
OR	0.25 liters of toilet water

2. **Visitors/Non-Residents:** Other dutiable goods purchased outside of the islands to a total value that does not exceed \$50 USD per person, together with items f a personal nature for use during a temporary stay and which will be re-exported at the end of the stay provided the goods are neither prohibited nor restricted nor for commercial purposes. *Goods imported for commercial purposes must be declared on merchandise in baggage form.*

- 3. Prohibited or restricted goods include:
 - Controlled Drugs and Utensils used therewith
 - Firearms, ammunition and explosives (including fireworks) unless accompanied by a valid license, signed by the commissioner of Police.
 - Obscene items or pornographic literature, films or videotapes.

Attempts to import any prohibited items can result in prosecution, the imposition of fines and/or imprisonment and seizure of goods.

4. Cash or negotiable instruments: The transportation of cash or negotiable instruments regardless of the amount is legal. However if you take out or bring into the Turks & Caicos Islands more than \$10,000 (U.S. or foreign equivalent, or a combination of the two) in coin, currency or negotiable instruments such as a draft bill of exchange, debenture bonds of a company, script certificates to the bearer for shares or share warrants to the bearer, you are required by LAW to declare all to Customs. Failure to declare the TOTAL amount you are carrying may lead to seizure of all the cash or negotiable instruments and may subject you to legal proceedings and/or criminal prosecution.

Entering the Turks and Caicos Islands via air with firearms, ammunition and explosives (including fireworks) is strictly prohibited by law. However persons who have obtained prior written approval signed by the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Commissioner of Police <u>and</u> hold a valid license will be allowed to enter and exit in accordance with their approval. *Failure to comply with all laws and regulations regarding firearms*, ammunition and explosives may lead to severe punishment including imprisonment and/or fines.